



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Ms. Mary Ann Heidemann
Manager of Grant and Government Programs
Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1903

RE: Mankato Energy Center
Cultural Resource Assessment

Dear Ms Heidemann:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470, et seq., I am writing to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed a cultural resource assessment related to a modification at Mankato Energy Center (Mankato) located in Mankato, Minnesota to determine what impact there may be on listed or eligible historic properties. Specifically, EPA notified Mankato that it is required to implement steps to assure compliance with the NHPA and its implementing regulations. As part of that process, EPA directed Mankato to conduct certain activities to assist in determining if historic properties will be affected by the proposed modification. The purpose of this letter is to seek concurrence from you on our determination that the proposed project will have no adverse effect in relation to the proposed air quality permit for this facility.

Heartland is proposing to modify its existing plant located in Mankato, Minnesota (Blue Earth County). The proposed modifications require an air permit under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has been delegated authority by the EPA to issue PSD permits under the federal PSD regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 52. The proposed modifications will include changes to permit conditions and will not result in a change in air emissions. Mankato provided a list of historical properties and a brief impact analysis to EPA on November 12, 2013. The analysis is enclosed for your review. Based upon the information submitted and EPA's understanding of the proposed modifications, EPA finds that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on any listed or eligible historic properties. By this letter, EPA is fulfilling its obligations pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA for the Mankato permitting action before MPCA.

If you have any questions with respect to this letter or disagree with this determination, please contact me at (312) 353-4761, or Jennifer Darrow, of my staff, at (312) 886-6315.

Sincerely,

Sam M. Portanova

for

Genevieve Damico
Chief
Air Permits Section

Enclosures